

CATAWBA COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

November 14, 2016

Present: officers Susan Anderson, Libbie Lynn, Helen Brigham, Sylvia King; members Susan Arrowood, Janet Drum, Ginny Pretty, Fran Wood, Lucille Woodrum; staff Suzanne White, Paul Foster.

Call to Order: at 11:05 a.m. by President Susan Anderson.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 10th meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: The checkbook balance as of November 13th was \$9283.47. The on-going book sales at Main and Conover brought in \$340.25.

Staff Reports:

A. Suzanne

1. The all-staff workshop went well on October 10th. She thanked the Friends for providing funds for the food. Plans are to have the workshop an annual event.
2. A letter of intent has been sent to the LSTA, step one in application for grant funds to provide a "Pop-up Library" for library services to areas remote from the library buildings in the county. If awarded the grant, the Friends will be asked to help with the required match. The purpose is to serve county residents who are presently non-users of the libraries.
3. Allison McKiernan brought the just-arrived coffee maker which will be ready for service, at \$1.50 a cup, in a few days.
4. The St. Stephens branch is arranging an ESL class of 10 sessions. Suzanne requested \$400.00 from the Friends to pay the instructor. Helen moved to allocate that amount, Susan seconded, and the motion passed.
5. The Born To Read program (a program jointly undertaken by Partnership For Children, Catawba and Hickory libraries) has started with a book given to each new mother at the two hospitals. It will expand to more books (English and Spanish) and library cards.
6. A Library Endowment Campaign for the Catawba libraries will begin before Christmas and will be on-going.

B. Paul

1. The library will be present at Newton's holiday inaugural festival on Sunday, November 27th. Their space will be on the north side of the 1924 courthouse, but will move inside the museum if it rains.

2. Food for fines will continue for late fees through November.
3. Suzanne said that Paul has attended training and now leads the effort to establish the library as the meeting place for diverse groups to increase their audience. This is a new role for the library, and its intention is to widen the reach of library services.

Old Business:

A. Gift Baskets:

1. Dates of Thursday, November 17th, and Friday, November 18th, were set for basket-making days. Start time each day is 9:30 a.m.
2. Items are needed as well as containers.

B. Friends of the North Carolina Public Library (FONCPL):

1. Ginny reported on the meeting (the organization of which Susan B. had led). She found the information there interesting and helpful.

C. Garden Plaques

1. Plaques have been placed beside each of the memorial objects.
2. They are staked in the ground and moveable.

New Business: Decorating the holiday tree will be on Thursday, December 1st, at 9:30.

Adjournment at 11:55 a.m.

The next meeting will be at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 12, 2016.

Helen Brigham, Secretary

